

# OHW Development in Africa

The experience of One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA)

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Championing One Health

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# Presentation Overview

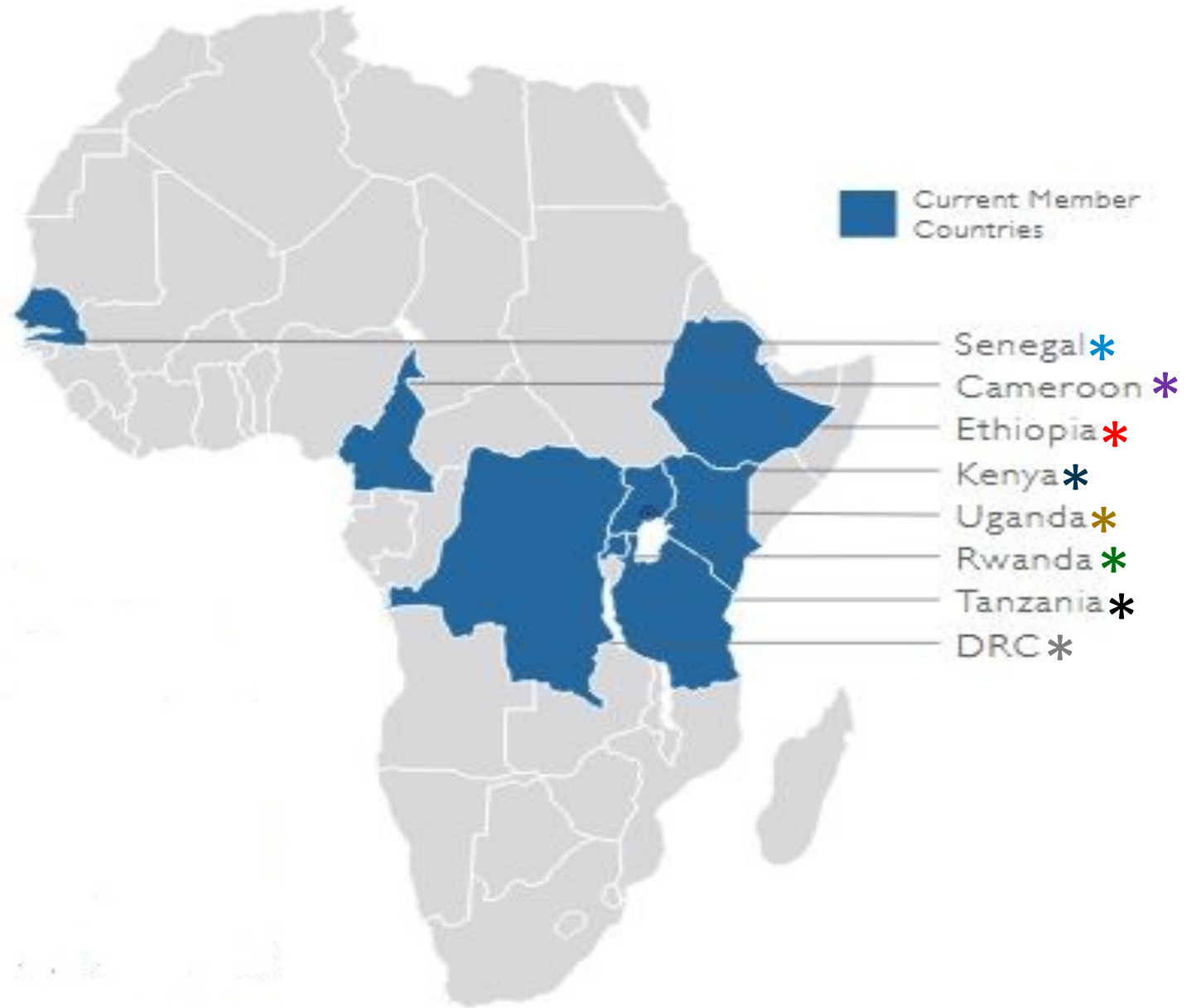
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# About OHCEA Network

## UNIVERSITIES

1. University of Montagnes
2. University of Buea
3. University of Kinshasa
4. University of Lubumbashi
5. Jimma University
6. University of Addis Ababa
7. Mekelle University
8. University of Nairobi
9. Moi University
10. University of Rwanda
11. Univ. of Global Health Equity
12. Univ. of Cheikh Anta Diop
13. Muhimbili University of Health & Allied Sciences
14. Sokoine Univ. of Agriculture
15. Mbarara University
16. Makerere University





# Team Support

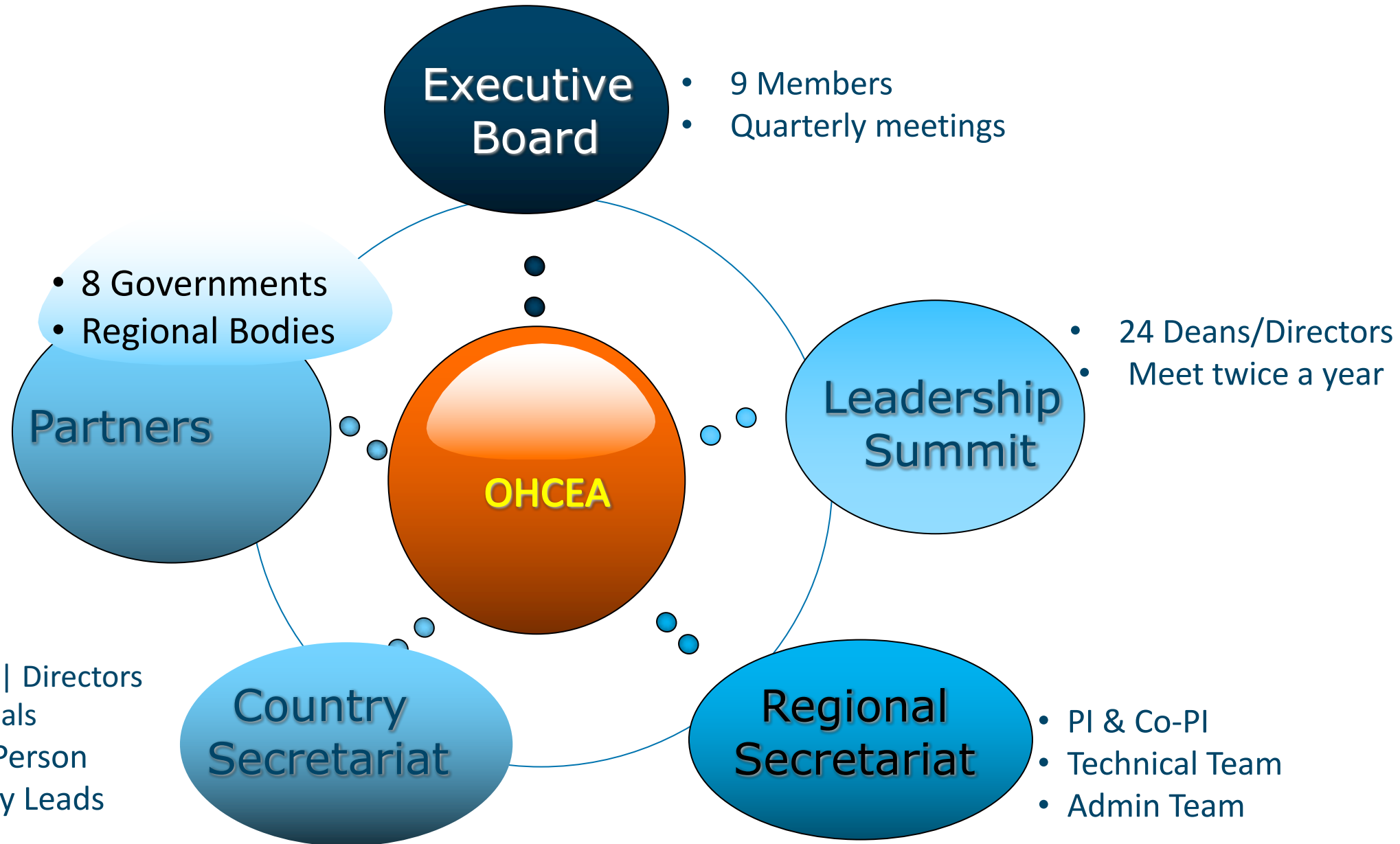
## DEV'T PARTNERS

- USAID
- SANDIA/DTRA
- IDRC

## TECH PARTNERS

- UMN
- Tufts
- Tulane Uni.
- WHO
- CDC
- FAO
- EPT 2

- Deans | Directors  
Principals
- Focal Person
- Activity Leads
- Admin



# OHCEA Strategic Framework 2019-2024 (Draft)

*Vision: A Global one health leader championing sustainable health for humans, animals & environment*

**Mission:** To drive transformational change for continuous improvement of health and well-being of *humans, animals, and environment through OH principles and approach to research, training and community service*

## **Pillar 1:**

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING



## **Pillar 2:**

RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



## **Pillar 3:**

RESOURCE MOBILISATION & PARTNERSHIPS



## **Pillar 4:**

ORGANISATIONAL & NETWORK STRENGTHENING



**OHCEA's APPROACH: ONE HEALTH IS AN APPROACH AND NOT ANOTHER DISCIPLINE**

# Approach to Workforce Development

# What is a One Health Workforce?

A workforce that has:



- 1) The **technical competencies** needed to support national governments to achieve international standards (JEE, IHR and PIE/PVS) and
- 2) The essential **cross-sectoral competencies** needed to prevent, detect and respond to complex health threats efficiently and effectively.
- 3) Thriving in an **enabling environment**

# One Health Worker

**A One Health worker needs technical skills, multi-sectoral skills and an enabling environment**

## TECHNICAL COMPETENCE

- Public Health
- Veterinary
- Nursing
- Medical
- Environment
- Wildlife
- Community Health
- Others

## MULTI-SECTORAL COMPETENCE

- Management
- Leadership
- Communication
- Collaboration & Partnership
- Culture & Beliefs
- Values & Ethics
- Gender
- Systems Thinking

## ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Mutually agreed upon goals

Appropriate roles & responsibilities

Collaborative Resources

Shared - MoUs, SoPs, Data Management, Protocols

# OHCEA Implementation Strategy



Government  
Engagement



Institutional  
Strengthening



Training and  
Education



Improved Gov't  
Systems

## Government

- Evidence based assessment
- Workforce planning
- Country driven workforce plans
- Policy communication

## Institutional

- Organizational Development(OD) for 24 institutions
- University One Health (OH) Strategy/Policy
- OH Curricula
- Curricula delivery
- Faculty Development

## Training

- Pre-service training
- In-service training
- Scholarships
- Student One Health Innovation clubs
- Innovative/flexible degree programs
- OH-PBL Case Studies
- Student Case Competition

## Systems

- Field Ready One Health Workforce
- Enabling Environment (supportive policies, resources, tools)
- Healthier, Safe and Engaged Communities

# One Health Training

## Classroom

- Student exposure to OH Principles and Concepts
- Multi-disciplinary teams

## Attachment / Placements

- Undergraduate student attachment to OH Demo Sites
- Graduate students placements
- Mentoring

## Service

- Outbreak response
- Public Health interventions
- Mentorship

Theoretical

Experiential  
Learning

OH in Action

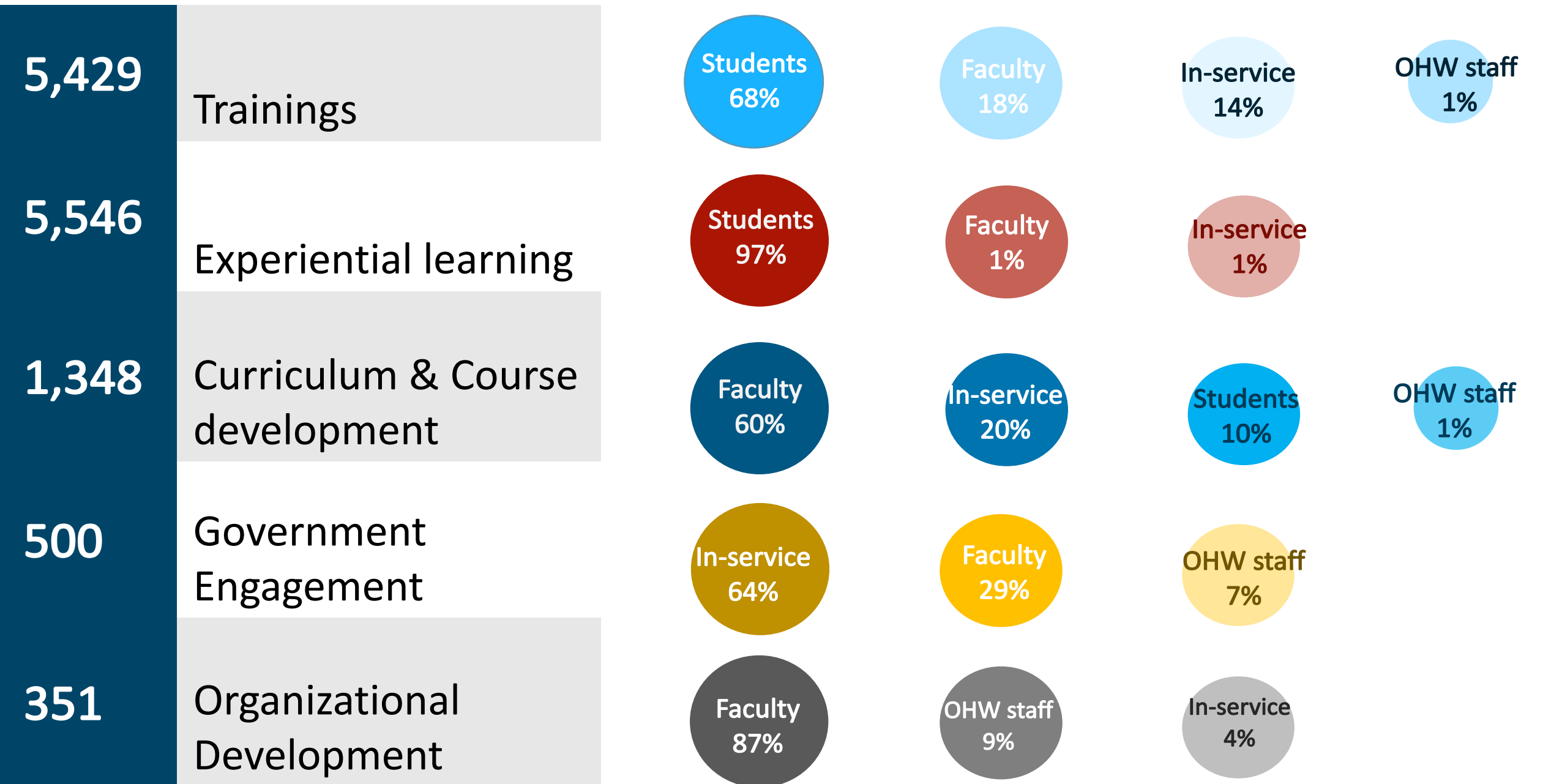
# **Selected Network Achievements**



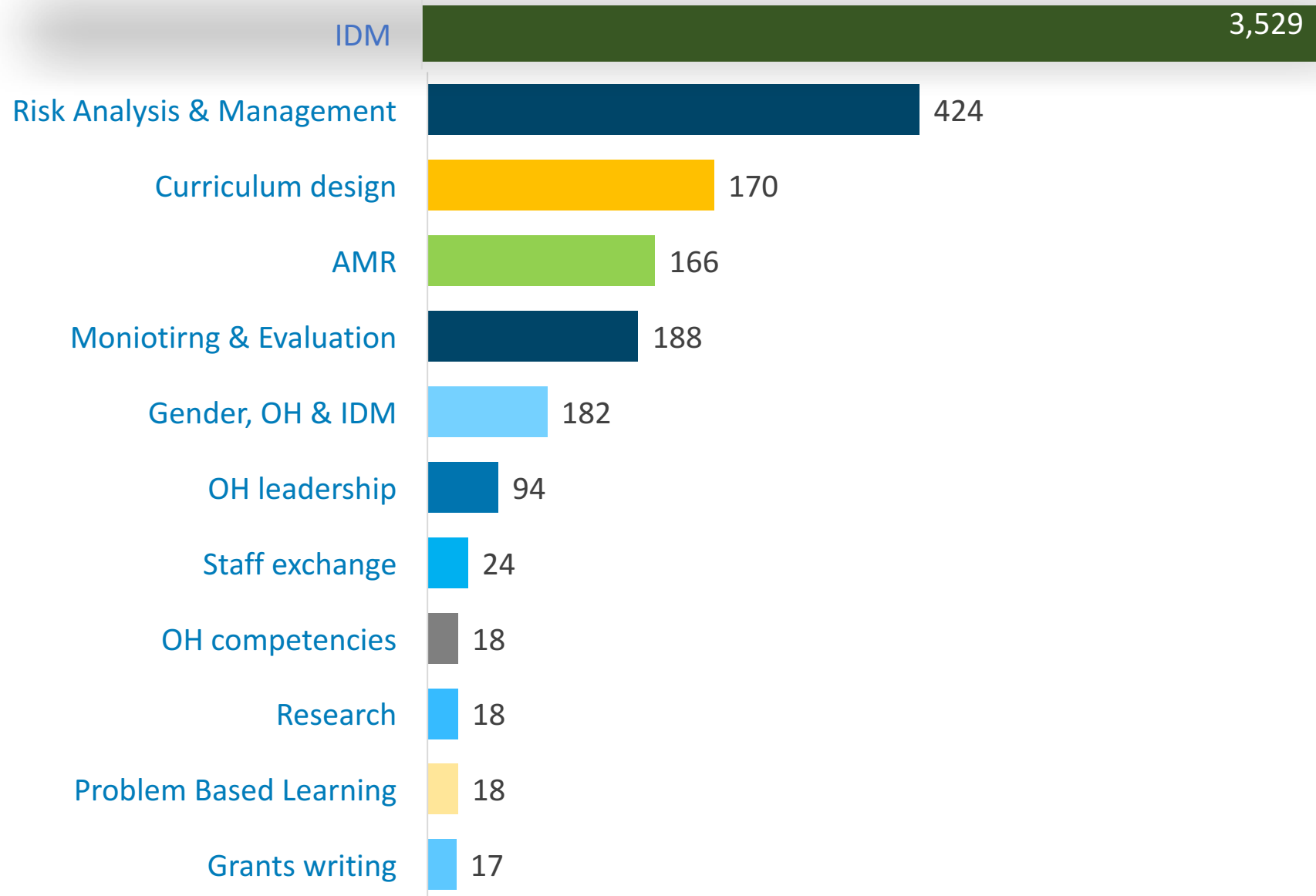
# Regional Workforce Needs by Theme



# ACTIVITY CATEGORIZATION BY TYPE OF TARGET BENEFICIARIES



# NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER ACTIVITY (5,429)



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

89

Activities conducted:

- ✓ Field attachments
- ✓ Outbreak investigations
- ✓ Community outreaches
- ✓ Case competitions
- ✓ Activities to Mark the International One Health Day



36%  
Females

5,374  
Students benefited



64%  
Males



# CURRICULUM & COURSE DEVELOPMENT

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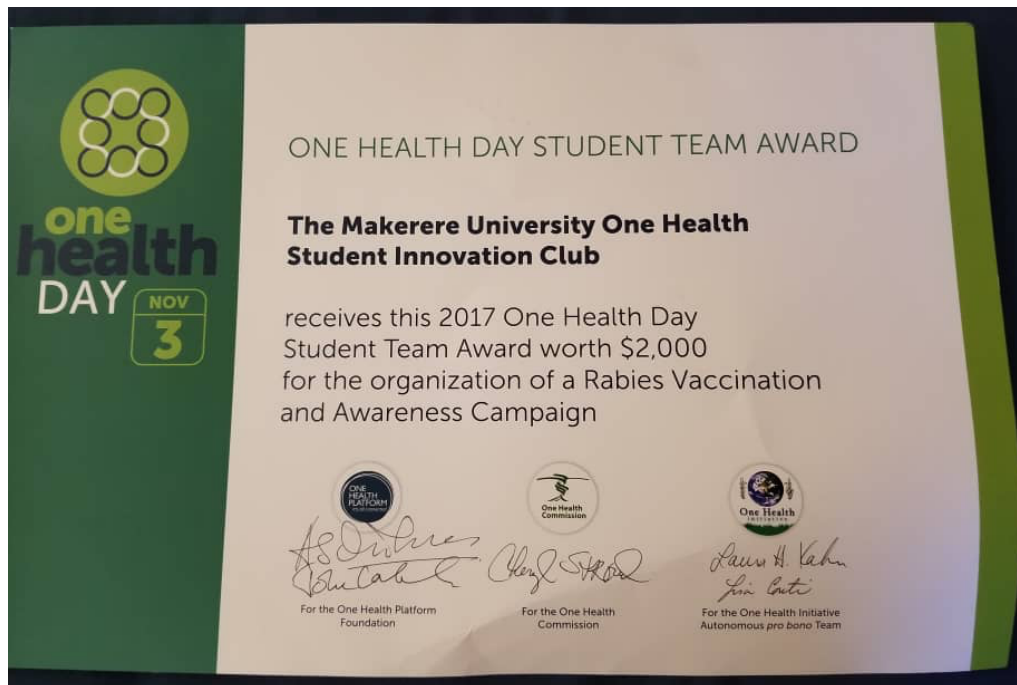
## Activities conducted

- ✓ Review of veterinary curricula
- ✓ Adaptation of Standardized Experiential Learning Materials
- ✓ Develop OH Problem Based Learning case studies
- ✓ Integration of OH modules into courses
- ✓ Development of training modules for laboratory
- ✓ Strengthening veterinary master's training in Wildlife Disease Management
- ✓ Developed 16 One Health Modules.
- ✓ Field Experiential Learning Guide.



## Student One Health Innovation Clubs (SOHIC)

- 13 SOHICs in 8 countries
- Awareness campaigns – Rabies vaccination campaign
- 810 dogs and 36 cats were vaccinated
- Won national and International awards



# OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- One Health Infrastructure: OHCEA as a platform bringing together 16 universities (24 institutions)
- Capacity of OH champions built in the institutions through use of activity leads (an average 30 per country leading change in OH training)
- Sustained interest and focus of OH in the institutions and the region



# OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Technical Input to Regional One Health processes:**
  - ✓ Member of Africa One Health Congress
  - ✓ Member of Technical Working for AU-IBAR Animal Health Strategy
  - ✓ Partner shaping the EAC One Health Process
  - ✓ Membership to One Health National Platforms



NATIONAL  
ONE HEALTH  
PLATFORMS



# Network Success Factors

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1. Core leadership of visionaries
2. Governance structures
3. Support functions – regional and country secretariats and partners
4. Institutional policies and mechanisms
5. South to South Technical Support
6. Government support
7. Champions to run the vision
8. Conducive environment that allows for innovation at different levels – students, faculty, secretariat
9. Support from USAID – technical and Financial
10. Members' commitment to network's vision & mission

# Challenges and Opportunities

# Challenges

- High demand to join the network amidst limited resources
- Resource mobilization challenges
- Competing needs and priorities of different stakeholders at institutional, country, network & partner's level
- Donor dependency
- Thin human resource: The need for separation of administrative and finance function at country. Focal Persons not full time
- OHCEA has no home
- Harmonizing program activities with university schedules
- Varying university systems

# Opportunities

Opportunities for partnership to:

- Building centers of excellence around emerging key themes, s such as – Infectious Diseases, AMR,
- Strengthen Documentation and Communication
- Strengthen Research
- Sustained Government Engagement
- Strengthen systems – OD, network marketing
- Institutionalization of best practices and proven concepts

From us at  
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THANK YOU

